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SUBJECT : NEW GOB ENTRY VISA REGULATIONS;
GOB REGULATION 25/1976

1. NEW ENTRY REGULATIONS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING STEPS FOR ALL
FOREIGNERS COMING TO BAHRAIN TO WORK:

A. PERMISSION TO WORK MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE
MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

B. A NON OBJECTION CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED BY
THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT UPON RECEIPT OF
PERMISSION FROM THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS.

C. THE NON OBJECTION CERTIFICATE MUST THEN BE PRESENTED BY THE
VISA APPLICANT TO A BAHRAINI EMBASSY ABROAD.

ALL FOREIGN WORKERS MUST HAVE THE ENTRY VISA WHEN THEY ARRIVE
AT THE AIRPORT OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE COUNTRY.
AMERICAN COMPANIES IN BAHRAIN MAY OBTAIN THE NECESSARY
PERMISSION AND CERTIFICATE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL BUT MUST SEND THEM
TO THE INDIVIDUAL FOR HIM TO APPLY FOR THE ENTRY VISA.

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2. TOURISTS, TRANSIT TRAVELERS, BUSINESSMEN AND WIVES/CHILDREN

OF EMPLOYEES IN BAHRAIN ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR THE STANDARD 72 HOUR VISA PROVIDING THEY DO NOT INTEND TO WORK, HAVE NEVER BEEN DENIED ENTRANCE BEFORE, AND HAVE VALID PASSPORTS WITH RETURN TICKETS (RETURN TICKETS REQUIREMENTS MAY BE WAIVED FOR WIVES/ CHILDREN).

3. THE GOB IMMIGRATION STAFF MAY REQUIRE IN SOME CASES A SPONSER'S SIGNATURE BEFORE ISSUING A 72 HOUR VISA AT THE AIRPORT. EXTENSIONS MAY BE REQUESTED THROUGH THE GOB IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

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